

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A1 [Kindly amend page 1, insert -- GRANT REFERENCE This application was in part supported from funding of the National Institute of Health through research grant R01HL50420 and Grant RR-00036 to the Washington University General Clinical Research Center, and finally Grant RR-00954 to the Washington University Mass Spectrometry Resource. -- before CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION.

[Kindly amend page 1, lines 3-4, replace " _____, issued _____" with -- 5,932,562, issued August 3, 1999--.

A2 Kindly amend page 5, line 12, insert commas before and after " therefore" .

IN THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claim 1 as follows:

h3 1 (Amended). A composition in a solid, but water-soluble form for reducing cholesterol a[d]sorption, comprising:
an aqueous homogenous micellar mix of
a plant sterol and
an alkaline or alkaline earth metal salt of a reaction
product of lactic acid and a fatty acid
wherein the salt is [as] an emulsifier [which] and
wherein the mix has been dried to a finely-divided, water-soluble powder;